

LITTLE COMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
(Special Meeting)
LITTLE COMPTON, RHODE ISLAND

Date: November 18, 2015
Place: 28 Commons
Library Media Center
Little Compton, RI 02837

MINUTES

Time: **4:30 p.m. Executive Session (held in Library Media Center) RIGL sec. 42-46-5(a)(2)** for legal advice regarding potential litigation arising out of Open Meetings Act violation complaint filed against the Little Compton School Committee on or about October 1, 2015 and regarding two executive session votes taken on July 20, 2015 dealing with the hiring of the Superintendent, and five (5) other votes awarding five (5) scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Thomas Alder	Present
Lori Craffey	Present
Peg Bugara	Present
Polly Allen	Present
Patrick McHugh	Present
Kathryn Crowley	Present
John McNamee	Absent
Carolyn Sedgwick	Present
Kevin McAllister	Present

Statement by Chair was made prior to entering into executive session as follows: Please note that any person or persons who is to be discussed in executive session has been notified in writing in advance of this meeting and has been given the opportunity to have such discussion in open session pursuant to RIGL sec.42-46-5(a)(1).

I. Call to Order: Open Meeting for the purpose of convening into Executive Session:	Meeting was called to order in Open Session at 4:37pm. On a motion by L. Craffey, seconded by P. Bugara, it was unanimously voted by roll-call to enter into Executive Session. T. Alder - Affirmative L. Craffey - Affirmative P. Bugara - Affirmative P. McHugh - Affirmative P. Allen – Affirmative
II.	On a motion by P. McHugh, Seconded by P. Bugara, it was unanimously agreed by roll-call to adjourn Executive Session. T. Alder - Affirmative L. Craffey - Affirmative P. Bugara - Affirmative

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Time: 5:00 p.m. OPEN SESSION (Held in Library Media Center)

III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	The pledge was taken.
IV. Chair: Notification as to votes taken in Executive Session. Consider and vote to seal the minutes of the Executive Session.	The Chair reported that no votes were taken in Executive Session. On a motion by P. Bugara, seconded by L Craffey, the Minutes of Executive Session were sealed.
V. Consider and Vote on Motion to Affirm Superintendent's appointment for the 2015-2016 academic year with retroactive effect from the date of appointment.	A motion was made by L. Craffey and seconded by P. Bugara to affirm the 3-2 vote taken on July 20, 2015 for the Superintendent's appt for the 2015-2016 academic year with retroactive effect from the date of appointment. The vote taken was unanimous.
VI. Consider and vote on Motion to Affirm the awarding of five (5) scholarships voted on during executive session on July 20, 2015.	A motion was made by L. Craffey and seconded by P. Bugara to affirm the 5-0 votes taken on July 20, 2015 to award five (5) scholarships. The vote taken was unanimous.
VII. Consider and vote to accept resignation of Superintendent Kathryn Crowley, pending her appointment by the East Providence School Committee on November 16, 2015.	T. Alder, P. Bugara, and L. Craffey spoke of their gratitude and respect for Superintendent Crowley and her work done in Little Compton before a motion was made by L. Craffey and seconded by P. McHugh to accept her resignation. The vote taken was unanimous. K. Crowley requested an Exit Interview with the Chair and Co-Chair. K Crowley advised that the Interim Superintendent possess qualifications to complete tasks related to the Pre-K Grant and Strategic Planning initiatives.
VIII. Chairperson to appoint search committee for Interim Superintendent for remainder of 2015-2016 academic year and/or for permanent superintendent for academic school year(s) beyond the 2015-2016 academic year.	Chair appointed search committee for Interim Superintendent for academic year ending 2015-2016 or until permanent Superintendent is found. The subcommittee members are P. Bugara and L. Craffey. The position of Interim Superintendent will be posted on School Spring; through Wednesday, November 25, 2015; open until filled. C. Sedgwick will maintain all related personnel files in HR office. P. Allen requested diverse views. L. Craffey asked whether previously used job descriptions for the position would be adequate and for any other input.
IX. Adjourn	On a motion by P. Bugara Seconded by L. Craffey, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:22pm.

Note: K. Crowley requested letter of resignation be added to these minutes. – scan and insert.

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